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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN: CANWFZ TREATY

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Classified By: Ambassador John Ordway, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

1 . (C) U.S., UK and French Ambassadors called on FM Tokayev June 14 in Almaty to present reftel demarche. UK Ambassador James Sharp spoke for the group. He introduced the discussion by reiterating the support of the P-3 in principle for nuclear weapon free zones, and our belief that establishment of such a zone in Central Asia would support our common non-proliferation goals. He then read the agreed points and provided them as an aide-memoire.

12. (C) Tokayev, who was joined by Kazakhstani Ambassador to the UN Yerzhan Kazykhanov, said that Kazakhstan's position was that the CANWFZ agreement should be signed at the level of foreign ministers, and only in October. Uzbekistan was insisting that it be signed at the presidential level, and in Astana July 5 during the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit. Ambassador Sharp noted in particular our objection to Article 12 of the Treaty, which he understood was designed to accommodate the Tashkent Treaty. Ambassadors Sharp and Ordway pointed out that this provision would undermine the very purposes of the Treaty. Sharp emphasized that without P-5 support the Treaty would have little if any meaning, and would not be regarded as a serious document. Tokayev did not disagree, but said that Kazakhstan's Central Asian partners nonetheless were insisting on going forward with the Treaty as currently drafted.

13. (C) Ambassador Sharp asked if Kazakhstan would commit to consultations with the P-3. Tokayev said that Kazakhstan was prepared to commit to the P-3 to engage in consultations during this period before October, and to take the P-3's objections "seriously."
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